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Early in July 1949, Yugoslav Consul General in Paris Ivor Helier reportedly stated, with regard to some recently purchased oil rigs, that Yugoslavia hoped within six months to participate in the exploitation of the Albanian oilfields near the Yugoslav border. He added that, if the Yugoslav Government were able to spend more money, Albania would soon be in the Tito policy line. Albanians close to cabinet rank were already collaborating with Tito, he further stated, but money shortage was forcing the Yugoslav Cabinet to postpone such Albanian infiltration.

Comment: Yugoslav money shortage has been reported by another source; the Yugoslav Government had been unable to produce the \$1,500,000 letter of credit requested for its latest order of five oil rigs and equipment from Germany, after delivery had been approved by JEIA (Joint Export-Import Agency).

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